

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 931
By Crider

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Don Farmer upon receiving the Man of the Year Award from the Milan Chamber of Commerce and for his meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Don Farmer, who was recently given the Man of the Year Award by the Milan Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his many years of community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farmer contributes his dedication to community service to a near death experience he had in his teenage years and the determined nurse who refused to give up on him even when he had no pulse; and

WHEREAS, born in Chicago in 1947, Mr. Farmer graduated from Trezevant High School in 1964 and attended the University of Tennessee at Martin while working at ITT in Milan; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, at the tender age of eighteen, Don Farmer was elected Mayor of Lavinia in Carroll County, making him America's youngest Mayor at the time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farmer was an award-winning journalist for the Milan Mirror-Exchange for twenty-five years and submitted sterling service as the Mayor of Milan from 1992-1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farmer currently serves as the owner and manager of Dickey's Incorporated Florist and finds time to lend his talents to such notable organizations as the Milan Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a former Director, the Lions Club, the Community Advisory Board for NHC Health Care, the Homerun Club, and the Quarterback Club; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his numerous community involvements, Mr. Farmer has served with distinction for twenty years on the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party, is a past Chairman of the Miss Milan Crown & Scepter Scholarship Pageant, is the Gibson County Representative and Chairman of the Reelfoot Regional Library Board, is a three-time President of the Milan High Rebounders Club, and is the President of the Milan Band Parents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farmer also received the prestigious honor of being named as one of Tennessee's Ten Outstanding Young Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, Don Farmer has been described as an ambassador for Milan who is a hard worker; a dedicated Christian; is friendly, trustworthy, respectful, and compassionate; is a motivator, an activator, and a participator; and is a mentor to young people, often providing both inspiration and financial aid; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of Northside Baptist Church, where he has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Don Farmer epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farmer is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his family: his aunt, Etta Mae Little; his brother, Bill; his wife, Anita; his nephew, Andy Paul; his nieces, Angie and Amy, and Amy's husband, Steve; and his great-niece, Shelby; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Don Farmer for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Don Farmer for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon his reception of the Milan Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year Award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.